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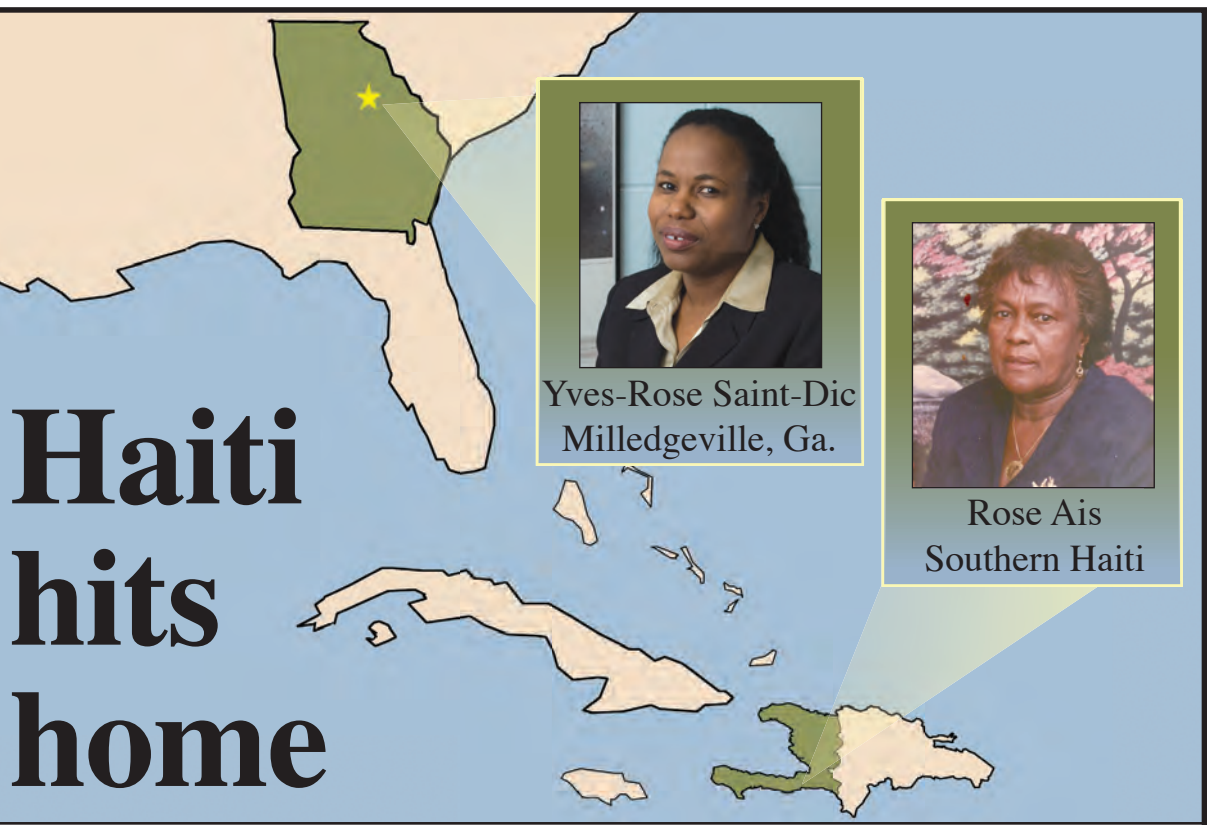
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**The number of GCSU students chosen to participate in the spring 2010 Leadership Certificate Program**

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## Haiti hits home

### GCSU faculty member's brother, mother survive recent earthquakes

BY CHELSEA THOMAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

On Jan. 12, one of the worst earthquakes in Haiti in approximately 200 years shook the earth of the country's capital city of Port-au-Prince. The magnitude 7.0 earthquake left structures of all kinds in rubble, from shacks to national landmarks. Even the hope of Haiti itself seemed buried. For those students who happened to glance at the news the next day, many were saddened. But for Yves-Rose SaintDic, director of Institutional Equity & Diversity at GCSU, the quake was a more personal catastrophe.

SaintDic was born in Haiti and was raised there until the age of 14. Her mother and brother live there now, along with many distant cousins. Every year she has returned to visit, sometimes tak-

ing her children with her. She says that Haiti has "a pull on many."

When SaintDic first heard the news of the earthquake she was in shock.

"I was driving home that evening when the radio said there had been an earthquake in Haiti," SaintDic said. "All they said was that there was a 7.0 earthquake. I was in shock because you never hear about an earthquake in Haiti. They prepare them for hurricanes, but an earthquake was never in our vocabulary."

Upon hearing more detailed facts later that night on evening news broadcasts, she found herself seeking reconciliation.

"I sat on my couch for two hours numb. (My sister) and me stayed up all night trying to find out more," SaintDic said.

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## Dean of business hired

BY MATT CHAMBERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

After a 14-month search, GCSU has hired Dr. Matthew Liao-Troth as the new dean of the J. Whitney Bunting College of Business.

Liao-Troth, currently the chair of the department of management at Western Washington University, in Bellingham, Wash., will officially start at GCSU on July 1.

Liao-Troth will work with Dr. Dale Young, the interim dean for the College of Business, to help ensure a seamless transition. Liao-Troth plans to visit Milledgeville every month until he starts to work with Young.

"Dr. Young contacted (Liao-Troth) and arranged a series of telephone and face-to-face meetings," Vice President for

Academic Affairs Sandra Jordan said. "Dr. Young is going to make absolutely certain that Dr. Liao-Troth is ready to 'hit the ground' prepared to lead Georgia College's College of Business."

Upon arrival, Liao-Troth plans to enact his vision for the business college.

"For the undergraduate program, I want to better integrate it with the rest of the college," Liao-Troth said via telephone. "We need to clearly articulate why you should get a business degree at a public liberal arts college."

Liao-Troth also wants to develop connections between the business college and the community.

"I'll be focusing on more of external relations, building up friendships with the J. Whitney



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE  
Dr. Liao-Troth will begin his position as dean of the College of Business on July, 1.

Bunting College of Business and others," Liao-Troth said.

Liao-Troth will also foster internal relations with the stu-

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## Early morning incident raises concerns

BY ELISE COLCORD  
STAFF WRITER

A mass Connect-ED message, including a text alert and recorded voicemail, went out to GCSU students, faculty and staff early this past Friday alerting of a "person with a weapon" on campus in Milledgeville. The message, sent by campus police at 4:54 a.m., advised recipients to "stay barricaded until given an all clear."

The warning came in response to an incident involving an alleged gunman who threatened his ex-girlfriend and two men who were with her, according to officials. Holden M. Furner, 20, of Gainesville, was later arrested and charged with several felonies. He is not a GCSU student.

A second alert later went out at 5:36 a.m. advising of Furner's arrest and for recipients to resume normal activities.

Olivia Holden, a freshman art major, said she snapped to attention as her roommate groggily read the alert message aloud.

"I ran into my suitemates' room. We locked the door, jumped in the same bed and huddled together talking about the situation when we heard a male voice yelling right outside our window," Holden said.

Holden said she heard someone yelling.

"We heard him say, 'I'm going to kill you, and it's the fastest way to heaven or hell,'" Holden said. "We were terrified. So at that point we immediately called 911."

Dave Groseclose, assistant vice president for public safety, said campus police was informed of the incident around 4:30 a.m. by the Milledgeville Police Department.

"(Environmental Health and Occupational Safety Coordinator) Justin (Gaines) went ahead and did the Connect-ED message from his home," Groseclose said. "I drove as fast as I ever have getting into town. I got here about ten minutes to five and about 5:30 a.m. we had the man in custody."

According to a college news release, Furner was charged with three counts of making terroristic threats, underage possession of alcohol and a misdemeanor obstruction charge-

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## Students prime targets of break-ins

BY DRAKE SIMONS  
STAFF WRITER

After a reported 43 burglaries between the beginning of December and mid-January, some GCSU students are experiencing first hand the reality of break-ins. Students certainly aren't the only targets to be burglarized, but they seem to be easy marks when they leave town.

"We always have Thanksgiving break, spring break and Christmas break. College kids leave and houses get broken into," said Captain Dray Swicord of the Milledgeville Police Department. "It's not just a college problem. This is from the north side of the

city limits, south side of city limits, east and west."

Electronics items that can fit into a backpack are what's stolen most often, according to Milledgeville police.

"Electronics have made it easy for people to prey on people. Just to go in and grab this laptop and back out and sell it for 100 bucks on the street," Swicord said. "It's been laptops, TVs and gaming systems. They're just grabbing things that they know that they can get rid of."

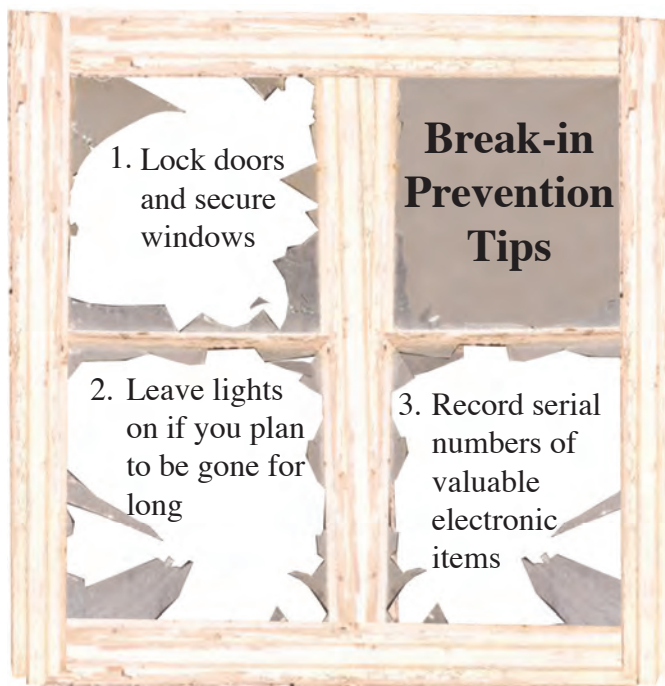
To help find stolen possessions, the police have an anonymous tip line. Some students still don't feel their possessions will likely get returned.

"Nothing has been recovered, and I am not hopeful anything will be," said senior international business major Rob Glaze.

Glaze and his roommates were robbed around New Year's Day and had several electronics items stolen, including a desktop computer, laptop and video game systems. Glaze said he is certain his doors were locked, but believes that the thieves entered through an unsecured window.

Senior theater major Bren Thomas and his roommates also fell victim to burglars. The roommates lost a TV, an estimated \$20 in change and a DVD.

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### Break-in Prevention Tips

1. Lock doors and secure windows

2. Leave lights on if you plan to be gone for long

3. Record serial numbers of valuable electronic items

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS



# Flashback:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  
The fire of 1924 destroyed the main building on campus. The large structure, which housed many of the college's classrooms, was located behind Parks Hall where the formal garden is today.

# Public Safety offers spring police academy

BY DRAKE SIMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Public Safety is offering a 12-week police academy open to students, faculty and staff in hopes of shining a new light on the department. Participants in the academy get a chance to learn about law enforcement through class lectures and hands-on experience. The in-class lectures are held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Arts and Sciences Building, room 2-75.

Students will also meet outside of class for more involved training. Students enrolled in the class will be taught about the criminal justice system, police patrol techniques, crime prevention programs, defense tactics, traffic stops, making arrests, investigations, firearms and the court system.

Sgt. Greg Williams is in charge of the program, which is being held for the second time this school year. In the fall 18 participants were enrolled in the course.

“The class last semester was probably half women. There are a lot of females that participate,” Williams said. “We had a lot of sophomores, juniors, some seniors and a few freshmen.”

Williams believes that the low number of freshmen participants in the fall was because new students on campus are often bombarded with various clubs and activities, and have not yet learned about the program. The class is open to students and faculty who have an interest in the field of



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE  
Fall police academy students, senior Sahkita Law and junior Jordan Brown practice sweeping rooms

law enforcement.

“I honestly believe members of the faculty and staff can learn as much from this course as students,” said Dr. Carrie Cook, assistant professor of criminal justice. “I

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# Tailgating now approved for select home games

BY MATT ROGERS, STAFF REPORTER & CATLIN RENN, STAFF WRITER

The GCSU University Senate unanimously approved a new drug and alcohol policy this past Monday that allows tailgating at home sporting events. The Alcohol and Illegal Use of Controlled Substances Policy passed after five scheduled motions to amend the policy were approved and another motion was introduced. All six were correcting word choice, however, one dealing with the title of the policy attracted most of the discussion.

The policy, which SGA had been pushing, allows tailgating at major events, such as home baseball and basketball games. For the events taking place on Main Campus this year, the surrounding parking areas serving the Centennial Center are designated as the tailgating area on game days and the days of other major events. For events at the John Kurtz Field, tailgating will be permitted in the parking

lots serving the Michael Peeler Athletic Complex.

The original title for the policy was Student Policy on Alcohol and Illegal Drugs. Some of the senators felt that this name didn't cover everything the policy itself did.

“Legal drugs can be used illegally and illegal drugs are always used illegally,” said John Swinton, chair of the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Committee.

The policy states that no alcohol is permitted inside the Centennial Center or any other intercollegiate athletic venue. Additionally, this policy employs a time constraint on tailgating activities: No tailgating is to begin more than three hours prior to an event or continue more than three hours after the event's conclusion.

Although the University Senate policy covers the issue of intoxicated students at games, it doesn't leave all students be

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# This month in Colonnade history:

Georgia College unveiled its first homecoming, with the theme “Peace is a Precious Jewel.” “The vast personalities presented in our community can all be expressed through some outlet of the homecoming. Floats, cars, costumes and dorms are each encouraged to interpret ‘peace,’” the Colonnade wrote. The article noted that plans for homecoming were “coming along,” and students were encouraged to take part in making it a memorable event.

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Louis Rukeyser, the first economic editor for ABC Evening News, spoke at Georgia College on Feb. 5, 1974. Rukeyser hosted a free lecture, “The World and Your Money,” in Russell Auditorium. Rukeyser went on to host two television shows and earn acclaim as People magazine’s “only sex symbol of the dismal science of economics.” Rukeyser retired and later died of multiple myeloma on May 2, 2006.

Jan. 25, 1974  
Vol. 57, Issue 12

Issues of The Colonnade from 1925 to 1975 are now available to be viewed on microfilm in the library.





# Helping Haiti heal

## Students, faculty gather resources to send support

BY CHELSEA THOMAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

Since Jan. 12 when Port-au-Prince, Haiti suffered an earthquake at a 7.0 magnitude, many GCSU students and faculty have been personally responding – either trying to gather funds for medical needs and desperately needed water, or to raise awareness in the general public.

According to a university e-mail sent by Vice President for Student Affairs, Bruce Harshbarger, one student has already raised over \$2,000 for the relief fund at the Exchange Bank, located at 250 Hancock St., through organizing student efforts.

In an effort arranged by junior Hillary Daniel, the GCSU Student Health Center is accepting sealed donations of Tylenol, Motrin, aspirin, vitamin C and multivitamins until February for a team of medical professionals from Georgia set to go to Haiti in March.

For some students, the earthquake has been an even more personal investment. Katie Hanna, a junior special education major, knows intimately the fear of having a loved one in the midst of that disaster as her mom ventured down there as a volunteer nurse a week ago.

“I knew it was a traumatic event that

happened in Haiti, but until my mother decided to go to there as a trauma nurse it did not become real to me and my brother,” Hanna said. “From hearing her stories of people and faces, I can connect personally with this disaster.”

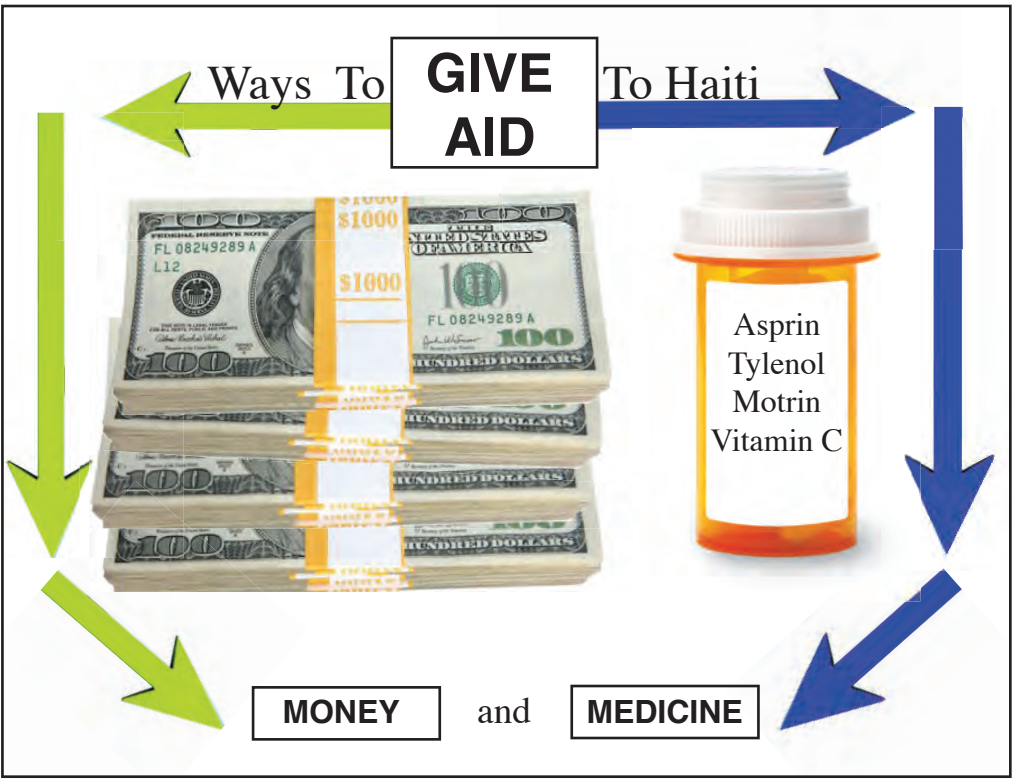
Hanna and her brother, Will Hanna, who is a GCSU freshman pre-middle grades education major, continue to pray for their mother as the aftershocks continue.

“(My family) received a text message from her telling us she was okay after the 6.0 aftershock,” Katie Hanna said. “After that I was relieved that she was safe. Yet, there are still daily earthquakes and no one can go inside buildings.”

Unimaginable to many here on campus, Katie and Will Hanna feel how dire this situation is every day. On Jan. 23, Katie talked to her mom, and one story has particularly stuck with her.

“There was a patient yesterday that (my mom) found in the tent cities,” Katie Hanna said. “She could see a hole reaching all the way into his brain, and yet he was still alive after a week of no treatment.”

Like the Hannas, Hannah Callaway, a junior early grades education major, is also personally connected with the disaster in Haiti. Callaway went down to Haiti last summer for a mission trip in a city 40 minutes north of Port-au-Prince. While



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there, she worked with 15 others to run a vacation bible school for orphans. The group worked to deliver shoes to impoverished villages in the mountains and to pave a road so that trucks could deliver packages of food to people.

“Personally, my heart was heavy upon hearing about the earthquake. As soon as the news broke I just wanted to be there with the kids,” Callaway said. “I wished I didn’t have school so I could be with them.”

Callaway hopes to return to Haiti to continue mission work in the next year. She was encouraged by all the relief organizations and people giving aid, but hopes

it does not fade out with time.

“We don’t need to move on and forget in the next couple months. The news will move on, but Haiti will still be suffering and need relief,” Callaway said. “I would love to see students from this university go down there and help (and) for us to donate money from here.”

Yves-Rose Saint-Dic, Director of Institutional Equity & Diversity at GCSU, agrees with Callaway that college students have a responsibility as the “future leaders of the world.”

“Since the recovery is going to take

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# GCSU awarded grant to help fight childhood obesity

BY PONTUS FERNO  
STAFF WRITER

The Center for Health & Social Issues at GCSU has been awarded a \$360,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The grant will be used to combat childhood obesity and to promote healthy eating and active lifestyles, especially among low-income population segments and minorities. Out of a total of 540 national contestants, Milledgeville and the Live Healthy Baldwin coalition emerged as one of 40 proposals selected to participate in the Foundation’s Healthy Kids Healthy Communities Initiative, a \$33 million nationwide program and RWJS’ most significant effort thus far.

According to a study contributed to by GSCU Dr. Mike Martino and his exercise science students, 62 percent of boys and 51 percent of girls currently fall into the categories of moderately high to very high in terms of body fat percentage.

Live Healthy Baldwin, a diverse coalition of GCSU, GMC, as well as local schools

and businesses, governmental agencies, and faith-based organizations, intend to improve the situation.

Dr. Lidstone, Director of the Center for Health & Social Issues, had no problems creating support for the coalition was not difficult.

“People were very eager to join in and more than willing to contribute,” Lidstone said.

To achieve its goals, Live Healthy Baldwin will not only promote healthier food choices – part of funds will be used to establish neighborhood vegetable gardens – but it will also by focus on general policies and lifestyle. The coalition’s major project is a trail stretching from the Oconee River Greenway all the way to GCSU West Campus, and further to Baldwin county schools and industrial zones beyond.

The trail would total 14 miles and link downtown Milledgeville to its surroundings, providing children with a safe route to

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# Old mission statement target of new revisions

BY STEPHEN HUNDLEY  
STAFF WRITER

Typically a mission statement is no longer than a few paragraphs, which leaves the college’s current slab of script looking a little bloated.

A hybrid task force of students and faculty met Jan. 5 for a ram-and-jam brain typhoon, where the group surveyed for thoughts on the college’s goals and priorities.

“From an admission’s viewpoint (the mission statement) allows for a consolidated viewpoint for students with specific ideals looking for specific colleges, and from an administrative viewpoint it provides a standard for administrators to operate by,” said Andrew Whittaker, a sophomore political science major and Student Government Association senator.

The current mission, the Institutional Mission Statement and Strategic

Plan, is part of the college’s Technical Memorandum, which can be downloaded online. The three-page document is full of items and legal-sounding language.

“What we want to achieve is a more streamline, user-friendly version of our current mission statement,” said Patty Maguire, a senior English major and student representative on the mission statement task force. “It was interesting to see that both faculty and student representatives had a lot of the same insights and goals.”

In addition, the mission statements of four other universities, namely: North Georgia College & State University, Brown, Columbus and Georgia Tech were surveyed.

No date has been set for a follow-up meeting, but speculations by committee members point toward early to mid February with a tentative goal of completion set for fall 2010.

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# GCSU to review future core curriculum

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON  
STAFF REPORTER

A recent state Board of Regents decision has prompted a GCSU task force to review the school’s future core curriculum. In October, the regents approved a revision of the University System of Georgia’s core curriculum. Fulfilling core curriculum requirements is vital to earning a degree at GCSU, as well as other colleges and universities, so the task force’s job is an important one.

Dr. Sandra Jordan, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, is heading up the look at the new core curriculum for GCSU. “The university undertook a review of the general education curriculum several years ago, but the finalization of that plan was delayed because the USG was considering changes,” Jordan said. “Now that the Board of Regents has finalized its core curriculum, it’s time for us to review ours and determine how well it aligns with the new model.”

From now through spring of

2011, all four-year institutions will be revising their existing core curriculums and will submit their required core learning outcomes to the Council on General Education for approval. In the fall of 2011, the new core will be implemented at all four-year schools, and two-year schools will be required to begin evaluating their core in dealing with transfer students. The new core will take full effect at all colleges beginning in the fall of 2012. Once that process is complete, schools will be required to report assessments of their core to the Council on General Education no later than every seven years.

Even though a new core is being implemented, there will be no effect on current GCSU students.

“Our policies state that a student completes the degree requirements as described in the catalog that was current when that student first matriculated into the university, unless that student chooses to migrate to the most current catalog,” Jordan said.

Overall, Jordan said she is

pleased with the direction of the USG and the new core curriculum.

“They are providing each institution more leeway to shape their general education curricula around their distinctive mission,” Jordan said. “We want a curriculum that meets the needs of 21st century students, reinforces intentional learning and reflects our distinctive liberal arts mission.”

To help with evaluating the core curriculum, Jordan has set up a task force group, consisting of faculty from each college. The task force is being chaired by Dr. Julia Metzker and also includes Dr. Ken Procter, Dr. Kalina Manoylov, Dr. Robert Blumenthal, Dr. Elaine Whitaker, Dr. Craig Pascoe, Dr. Ben Scafidi, Dr. Sunita Manian, Dr. Lisa Griffin, Dr. Marianne Edwards, Dr. Elissa Auerbach, Dr. Steve Elliott-Gower and Dr. Mike Digby.

“There are a variety of ways that campuses organize themselves to undertake a review of the core curriculum, and this team is taking measure of where

Core Curriculum: 42 hours

Area A  
-Communication and quantitative skills


Area B  
-Institutional options

Area C  
-Humanities, fine arts and ethics

Area D  
-Natural sciences, math and technology

Area E  
-Social Sciences

Area F  
-Lower Major Requirements



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we were in the previous process so we can determine how to move forward,” Jordan said. “They are also hosting faculty meetings to update the campus on the new curriculum requirements.”

Procter, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said that in addition to developing a core curriculum consistent with the school’s mission, another important goal is developing one

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## Nursing program tests challenge, help students

BY DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

GCSU nursing students have many tests to take before, during and at the end of their program. One test, known simply as the exit exam, is the most important because if a student does not pass it he or she cannot graduate.

The first test in the nursing program is the TEAS, or Test of Essential Academic Skills. Sophomore pre-nursing major Megan Savransky is taking this test very soon.

“The TEAS is the test you take before you can get into the major, the nursing cohort,” Savransky said.

Once in the nursing program, students must take specialized classes to prepare for the exit exam. In these classes the students practice for the final test. Junior Macy McCullough is in the nursing cohort and has experienced the testing practices first hand.

“At the end of each semester you have to take a standardized test called the HESI in each nursing class,” McCullough said.

The testing process is not one of Scantrons or blue books, instead the nursing students use technology on judgment day.

“To become a certified registered nurse one has to pass the boards, or specific certification test given by the state, which are given on the computer,” junior Cody Moshersaid said. “The reason that these tests are computer based is to help us prepare for our boards.”

The fact that nursing students cannot graduate without passing this exit exam

is troubling to many aspiring nurses. The students get three chances to pass the test. GCSU alumnus Brandy Bowman, a current registered nurse, needed all three chances to finally pass the test.

“Some people thought it would be easier after the first time because you knew what the test was like, but this wasn’t the case,” Bowman said. “The test was different each time you took it.”

Bowman graduated last year, but she and 10 other nursing majors went through the graduation ceremony without knowing whether or not they were really graduating.

“It was unfair. The whole test-taking process was very stressful and hard,” Bowman said.

If a nursing student fails then he or she must come back to GCSU for another semester to take the one-hour class that prepares them for the exit exam.

According to Bowman many of her classmates and other alumni have protested the policy by writing letters and trying to get the department to change it.

But the testing does not end there. The students must then take another test to become a nurse, which is why the exit exam is so important.

“The exit exam is supposed to prepare you for the (National Council Licensure Examination) which is a state board test that grants you your license to practice if you pass,” Mosher said.

The NCLEX is arguably the most important test an aspiring nurse will take. But, if they pass it all the years of testing will have not been in vain.

*“Some people thought it would be easier after the first time... but that wasn’t the case”*

*—Brandy Bowman  
Nursing program alumnus*

## Dean

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dents, faculty and staff in the business college. He seems to have already made an impression on the search committee.

“I’m really enthusiastic about (Liao-Troth) coming on board,” said Joe Schwartz, associate professor of marketing and search committee member. “He’s clearly someone who not only has great ideas for how to move the college forward, but he’s also very concerned about doing that in a way that is consistent with what is best for our students, our faculty and our staff.”

The search for a new dean began back in October 2008 following the resignation of Dr. Faye Gilbert in July. Sandra Gangstead, the dean of the College of Health Sciences, chaired the search committee for the opening. Other committee members were all College of Business faculty members.

To help hire the best candidate possible, the committee used a national firm in the search process.

“The firm, Parker Executive Search, is very respected, ... and they have access to

a lot of qualified candidates who we might not have been able to reach otherwise,” Schwartz said.

Liao-Troth flew to an interview to meet with the search committee in early October.

“They really sold me on GCSU,” Liao-Troth said. “They were very gracious.”

Later on in the interview process Liao-Troth visited Milledgeville and the campus in person.

“I’d been through Macon before, and I’d been to Atlanta before, but not Milledgeville,” Liao-Troth said. “It was great meeting with students, and with the faculty and staff.”

Liao-Troth even visited some of the downtown hot spots in Milledgeville.

“I got some coffee at Blackbird (Coffee),” Liao-Troth said. “I like that they have a roaster in the window.”

Now that Liao-Troth has accepted the position and been officially hired, he plans to move, along with his wife and two daughters, to Georgia in June.

“The fact that’s selling (my daughters) is that it’s only a good day’s drive to Disney World,” Liao-Troth said. “And it will be nice to see the sun on regular basis.”

## Faculty furlough days are numbered, hopefully

BY CLAIRE DYKES  
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU employees were informed this past week that of the two mandatory furlough days left to be taken, one is slated for the Monday during the week of spring break, March 22, and the second must be taken before June 30 on a day that will not impact classes. The remaining furlough dates are the last two of the six that were mandated for this school year.

“At the moment we are not expecting furlough days next (school) year,” GCSU President Dorothy Leland said.

Budgets are still depleted, but next year GCSU will have to search for another way to save money.

“We haven’t been told as of today by (the University System of Georgia) that they are expecting (furloughs) for the fiscal year 2011,” said Susan Allen, chief budget officer and director of payroll services. “They’ll decide if (furloughs are) necessary based on the governor’s mandates.”

Since the start of fall semester, GCSU employees making more than \$23,660 annually and not on H1-B visas have taken four furlough days. The six unpaid time-off days amount to about a 3 percent pay cut and are expected save GCSU about \$990,000.

Furloughs were not the only way of dealing with tough economic times this year. A \$200 student fee doubled from the prior year. This saved GCSU \$1.4 million dollars, according to Allen.

## Help

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decades, the students can prepare themselves for how to enter that,” Saint-Dic said. “I would encourage a student to be culturally conscious and to form a partnership with Haiti, maybe a Haitian university for example.”

Gregg Kaufman, instructor and coordinator of civic engagement, feels Haiti needs to take measures to continue rebuilding.

“Haiti needs to take stock of the government leaders who survived this earthquake, then move forward with the help of the U.N. delegation,” Kauffman said. “As for GCSU students, a number want to go and help rebuild. Yet, right now medical teams are needed. Money

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is needed. Maybe students can organize tables to help raise money.”

These past two weeks since the initial earthquake has raised a lot of concern for Haiti on the GCSU campus. It is the hope of many that others will get involved in sending aid to Haiti and uniting to bring the country hope in the next few hard months.

## Grant

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school and offering GCSU students car-free access to West Campus.

“I am totally in for it and would definitely use it”, said Sophomore Travis Knight, Biology Major at GCSU and also a runner on the University’s cross-country team. Early Childhood Education Major Anna Evert feels she would also use it; however she does have some safety concerns: “It would be very sketchy at night, for example when peo-

ple return from intramurals”, Evert said. Knight suggests lighting and emergency call buttons would help with safety if students were to use the trail at night

The four to five million dollars, which is the estimated cost of the trail, is considerably more than the current grant; however, Dr. Lidstone is confident that the project will be realized

“This grant shows commitment,” Lidstone said. “Also, it opens doors to match funds with even bigger organizations, such as the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation’s Safe Routes to School program.”

## Tailgating

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lieving it won’t occur.

“People are going to drink as much as they want,” junior math major Stephen Higgins said. “I hope (Public Safety) can keep (tailgating) under control, but it could be a huge mess.”

To help prevent trouble, the policy reserves tailgating rights only to people who are 21 years of age or above. Public Safety must be present at all tailgating events.

Also stated in the policy is that desig-

nated “family friendly zones,” for fans who wish to attend events without consuming alcohol, be set up. No alcohol will be allowed in areas designated as “family friendly zones.”

This new tailgating policy is aimed at helping to increase campus pride and unite students before major events on campus. The first tailgating event is planned before the men’s and women’s basketball games on Friday.

“We’re excited about tailgating because it provides a lot of opportunity for campus ethos and building great Georgia College traditions,” SGA President Zach Mullins said.



Police

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felt like I was a student because that was the nature of my role in the academy. The course was extremely informative about several aspects of policing.”

The class is even open to students who attended the academy previously. Senior sociology major Camille Fonseca enjoyed the class so much last semester that she decided to enroll again this time around.

“My criminal justice professor mentioned it to us and said she would be taking the course, so I went to the first meeting and thought it would be a lot of fun, and I had the best experience ever,” Fonseca said. “I joined the second time because I really enjoyed myself, the officers, shooting, activities and that my professor was doing it as well.”

During the course, students observe the everyday duties of Public Safety officers.

“It’s a great way for people to understand if they want to be a police officer or a law enforcement officer,” Williams said. “It’s the sheer experience of you

getting to kick a door down legally; you get to conduct an investigation.”

Detectives Robert Butler and Michael Baker will create a mock crime scene and plant evidence for students to collect, and construct a criminal case, which they will then take to a mock trial in the city municipal court toward the end of the course.

“We’re going to set you up in a scenario of investigation and we’re going to make it real,” Williams said. “You’re going to come out of there with the experience and the knowledge.”

Participants also receive firearms training and will be given a chance to visit a firing range for live-fire practice. Students must buy their own ammunition, which constitutes the only cost of the course.

“My favorite part of the class was the gun range,” Fonseca said. “I also liked the active shooter scenario, where we went upstairs in Beeson (Hall) in groups of four with a hostage. Our job was to capture or shoot the shooter and rescue others.”

Participants who complete the course by attending regularly will be recognized with a certificate at the end of the 12-week program



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From left to right: sophomores Evan Karanovich, Matt Bolden and Mac McElveen practice the proper way to enter a room during this past semester’s police academy.

at a banquet dinner. Students and faculty who are interested in attending the course should visit the Public Safety Web site to download an application, which can be e-mailed or dropped off in person at the Public Safety office located at 300 N. Wayne St.

“I’ve learned that it’s much more than riding around in cars and writing tickets. They are really there to protect, serve, and educate,” Fonseca said. “I would tell a fellow student that this program is like no other experience, and it’s the most up-close and personal course that you will encounter in college.”

Connect-ED

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following a scuffle during his arrest.

Despite the apparent quick response, some students were still skeptical of the effectiveness of the Connect-ED system following the incident.

Andrew Nonemaker, a freshman in Wells Hall, was relieved at the arrest, but continues to forgo being alerted via Connect-ED.

“I am not signed up for the Connect-ED program, and don’t feel that this incident will affect my habits, except make me more aware of my surroundings,” Nonemaker said.

Gaines said he has concerns about the safety of those students who have not signed up with alert-message system.

“I think that’s one of our largest limits. You can put the notification that we have Connect-ED everywhere, but you have

some students who just don’t put two and two together until these types of situations,” Gaines said.

Students often rely on the physical presence of the police officers around GCSU and Milledgeville to keep a watchful eye on their well-being.

Given GCSU’s pedestrian-friendly Main Campus, students often walk to many destinations around campus and the downtown area.

“I don’t feel any less safe, though the incident is scary to think about,” senior Jennifer Kneisel said. “I feel that Public Safety responds very quickly to anything like that.”

Holden and Kneisel felt concern, worry and relief as they read the warning and resolved Connect-ED messages later in the morning this past Friday.

Gaines and Groseclose want to reach the vast majority of the students when emergencies hit. To do this, they say they’re continuing to look for ways to im-

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3. Under “Paws links” select “Personal Info”

4. Click “Connect for safety”

5. Enter you cell phone number

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prove communication.

“We’ve been approved now for a mass-alert siren to be placed on Main Campus and West Campus, much like a tornado siren. If we had say, an armed assailant, what would happen is the dispatcher could

push the button that’s pre-scripted for armed assailant and your response time for that is seconds, not minutes,” Gaines said. “Then I could send out the Connect-ED message and overlap our emergency communication.”

Core

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consistent with other institutions within the USG.

“From the Board of Regents point of view, we want to make sure that students transferring in or out of GCSU will have their core credits counted. That expectation is there to make things easier for students,” Procter said. “I think we want to have something special that keeps with the goals of a public liberal arts institution. We just need to make sure we balance that with the USG’s goals.”

Procter added that the task force itself is not implementing a new core.

“We’re simply advising the provost on what the next course of action should be,” Procter said.

According to officials, the revised core will still allot 42 hours of credits and guarantee transfer of core courses. It will look mostly the same as the current one, with Area A containing communication and quantitative skills and Area B containing institutional options. Area C consists of the humanities and fine arts with ethics being added in, while Area D consists of natural sciences, math and technology. Area E deals with social sciences, and Area F consists of lower division major requirements.

Three new learning initiatives have been placed into the revised curriculum: U.S. perspectives, global perspectives and critical thinking. The U.S. and global perspective aspects are considered overlay requirements and consist of courses found in Areas A-E. The critical thinking area will be developed by each individual institution within the USG.

Break-ins

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victim to burglars. The roommates lost a TV, an estimated \$20 in change and a DVD.

“I feel like they took our TV so they could pawn it, and they took change. That’s it,” Thomas said.

Milledgeville police have noticed an increase in break-ins and thefts over the past year. These crimes have been non-violent and nearly all committed when the resident was not at home. The break-ins have affected all types of residents in the city.

Although police have no verifiable data on how many victims were college students, it has disclosed that one-third of the break-ins were at commercial locations and even the mayor of Milledgeville was not spared.

“Our mayor — he lives in Carrington Woods — his house got broken into. These guys stole one of his rings, broke into another house over here off Jefferson Street, and those kids got caught,” Swicord said. “The ring on that guy’s hand was from the mayor’s house.”

Swicord said he’s not necessarily opti-

mistic about the number of burglaries going down in the coming months.

“It’s going to get worse before it gets better in my opinion. I think we all as citizens, or people who go to school here, should be more proactive in trying to deter stuff like this,” Swicord said. “When you leave, if you think you’re going to be broken into take your laptop, put it in your trunk.”

Checking all door and window locks is also a step to take when leaving. Swicord suggests recording serial numbers of valuable electronic items and installing software on computers that can allow the owner to track the location of it in the event that it is stolen. Several laptops have been recovered already using software designed to track it if stolen.

Other suggestions might be for students to set up a light on a timer inside their residence or to tell neighbors when they are leaving and for how long. Swicord also asks everyone in the community to be more observant and to not be afraid to report suspicious activities to the police.

“We know the college is here to stay, and we want them to stay,” Swicord said. “We want them to be safe, and we want to do our best to reassure parents when they send their kids to school.”

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**—Dray Swicord**  
**Milledgeville police captain**

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Sorority dedicated to serving others

Gamma Sigma Sigma members join together to better their community



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From left, sophomore Lily Neal, sophomore Sara Guy, senior Phetsada Mounnarath and freshman Lexi Kraft pick up trash in Bartram Forest doing a project with Gamma Sigma Sigma.

BY DANILLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

Gamma Sigma Sigma is an on-campus sorority that is dedicated to service. Every GCSU sorority has a philanthropy they support, though. Kappa Delta has several including, Girl Scouts of the USA and the Children’s Hospital of Richmond, Va., Alpha Delta Pi has Ronald McDonald House Charity and Zeta Tau Alpha’s main focus is Breast Cancer Awareness. Gamma Sig, as the members call it, has many charities it works with. The president of the sorority, Phetsada Mounnarath, a senior creative writing major, explained that her sorority is involved in an array of volunteer work. “Some of the girls are into helping animals so we have some volunteers at Caring for Creatures and we always love helping out Relay for Life,” Mounnarath said. Another member of the sorority, Sonya Anderson, senior exercise science major, said it also works with Locks of Love and One Campaign, which raises hunger and homelessness awareness. Those are the two main focuses this spring. “Everyone has a niche of what they like. The members get into sub-groups of what they like to do,” Anderson said. Every chapter of the service gets opportunities together for the club and presents them to the members. Both girls have favorite charities that they love. The sorority’s biggest event is Relay for Life and this is Mounnarath’s favorite charity. Anderson loves Habitat for Humanity, which the sorority has worked with in the past. They do have social things like other sororities. They have formals as well and that is what makes them similar to other sororities. But they are different from other volunteer clubs on campus according to Anderson. “We are different from other organizations because we have a sisterhood,” Anderson said.

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GIVE Center plans 2010 events and goals

BY SOPHIE SINGER  
STAFF WRITER

The GIVE Center at GCSU serves as a volunteer organization where students can make a difference by contributing to the community. With the help of Kendall Stiles, a GCSU staff member, and several other volunteers, the center has set many goals for this year along with numerous upcoming events. The Purple Glove Dance is one such event scheduled for Feb. 17 from 12:30-2 p.m. at Front Campus. Senior Jaquie Beute will be filming a Purple Glove Dance video, which will involve a large group of students and staff members. The video will be entered in a contest in order to increase cancer awareness and raise money for the American Cancer Society. “It is a unique way to raise money and awareness for Relay for Life and is going to be a great way to showcase GCSU and its students as well,” Beute said. The GIVE Center has also been working over the past couple of years on Stories of Service, encouraging students to write about their personal experiences with the service and how it has made a difference in their life. The goal is to gather around 100 stories and eventually create a work similar to the popular book "Chicken Soup for the Soul." The book, a title for which has yet to be decided on, will be used to help raise money for the GIVE Center. “I feel it will be a great seller because it will be filled with stories by GCSU students and how they have made a difference every day in our community and throughout the state and world,” Stiles said. Another endeavor that will be worked on this year is operating with Hands on Network and Disney Parks to select some of the service projects as Give A Day, Get A Day project, which rewards people who volunteer with one of the programs with a free day at one of Disney's parks. The event would not take place until the fall, but it's a definite possibility, Stiles said. “I feel that Mickey (Mouse) will help us recruit some new volunteers and is a fantastic way to honor and celebrate volunteerism.” One of the newest programs that the GIVE Center is planning is the GIVE Center Alternative Spring Break Service by the Sea in Savannah. The GIVE Center is looking for 15 to 30 students to sign up and participate in the program, which aims to combine a spring-break getaway

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A heart for helping others



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Ms. Kendall Stiles is The Founder and Director of both The GIVE Center, (Georgia College & State University Involved in Volunteer Efforts) and Hands On Milledgeville. She has been working in the field of Student Development and Volunteerism for 15 years, most of which has taken place at GCSU. She received both her bachelor’s degree in elementary education and her master’s degree in leadership in higher education from Appalachian State University. She is on the Executive Board for the Georgia College Personnel Association, Georgia Association of Volunteer Administrators and is the president of The Georgia Campus Community Service Association. She has served on the board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oconee, Oconee Prevention Resource Council, The American Cancer Society and the Life Enrichment Center. She is the treasurer for The friends of the Mary Vinson Library and is a Chamber Ambassador with the Milledgeville & Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce. She recently earned the highest honor of student affairs within the state of Georgia by receiving the Theodore K. Miller Outstanding Professional Service Award. She is also the founder of WRAPPERS, “We Recognition and Appreciate People,” is the author of Sharing Moments of Recognition Everyday and is in the process of working on her second book. Her philosophy could not be stated any better than what Winston Churchill said, “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” “I have been doing service all my life and it comes second nature to me. Most days I can’t believe that I have the job I have and how lucky I am to have this job. I absolutely love the students and learn from them everyday as well as they inspire me by how passionate they are. I am very proud of what the GIVE Center does as well as what it stands for and really look forward to where we are headed in the future. I have not ever had a day that I come into work that

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How to record service hours:

When getting involved with a service organization or doing your own volunteering, make sure to log your hours. Forms for logging hours are available in the GIVE Center and will eventually be available online. Hours can be counted for individual efforts, group hours and event hours. It is also possible to track fundraising and hours spent collecting. In order to record the service hours correctly, a full name and GC ID are necessary. The hours also need to be verified with whatever agency they were done with. If the hours are turned in at the end of each month, a student has a chance of being part of a drawing to earn a Campus Life T-shirt which could result in winning \$1,000 from Campus Life at the Bobcat Awards. To make it easier to turn in volunteer hours, the GIVE Center is putting up drop boxes around the school for students to submit their hours. There is one in the College of Education, College of Business, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Health Services, Library, Student Activities Center and Sodexo. Students can also expect to find boxes in the residence halls later in the semester.



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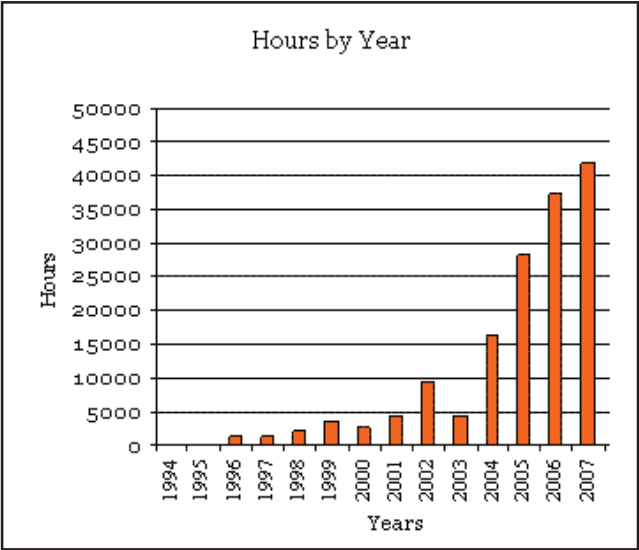
# GIVE Center by the numbers:

Top 10 programs students gain volunteers hours with:

1. Alternative Break
2. Dance Marathon for the Kids
3. School Based Mentor
4. Camp Counselor
5. Survivor Buddies
6. GC Idol GIVES
7. Religious Ministries
8. Fundraising
9. 30 Hour Famine
10. Race for the Cure

Top 10 contributing on-campus organizations

1. Gamma Sigma Sigma
2. Alpha Delta Pi
3. Zeta Tau Alpha
4. Delta Zeta
5. Phi Mu
6. Baptist Collegiate Ministries
7. Survivor Buddies
8. Wesley House
9. Pi Kappa Phi
10. Collegiate 4H



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According to the GIVE Center Web site, the 2008-09 academic year had a recorded 49,625 hours of service.

Volunteer hours by race

- American Indian (104)
- Asian/Pacific Islander (554)
- Black, Non Hispanic (2,412)
- White (29,268)
- Hispanic (738)
- Multiracial (734)
- Undisclosed (15,815)

Volunteer hours by gender

- Female (41,677)
- Male (6,396)
- Undisclosed (1,552)

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for students along with community service.

In addition to events planned for this school year, the GIVE Center has also set several long-term goals.

It is working on im-

proving the connection with alumni, trying to strengthen male participation in volunteerism by 10-25 percent, and creating a new program to help transfer students volunteer hours to their experiential

transcripts.

“We have come a long way with many of our programs, however, I feel that this semester is going to be the best one we have had with some of our new programs,” Stiles said.



## Gamma Sig

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“We also make it a point to know everyone and their names no matter how many members we have,” Mounnarath said.

Numbers have depleted and grown off and on from the chapter’s founding in 1997, but currently the group has approximately 55 girls.

The group’s rush is in the fall, but in previous years it was in both the spring and fall semesters. It’s held a few weeks after school starts, which is unusual for a sorority, but it’s something that’s been an ongoing tradition for Gamma Sig.

GREEK PHILANTHROPIES	
SORORITIES: ZETA TAU ALPHA- SUSAN G. KOMEN ALPHA DELTA PI- RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE KAPPA DELTA- GIRL SCOUTS OF USA DELTA ZETA- BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB	
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“Personally we like to let the school year get going before we jump into it. We think this is less stressful for the freshman,” Mounnarath said.

Freshman Danielle Mullen liked the sorority’s tradition of holding rush because she felt like she got to choose the soror-

ity, instead of the sorority choosing her.

“I found the sorority to be a wonderful to meet girls my own age who had my same interests for community service and assisting others, whether in a small way on campus, or perhaps in outreach programs,” Mullen said.

## Kendall Stiles

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I wish I did not have to work, however there has been some days I wish I could have slept a little

longer but never that I wish I did not have to come to work. This is a not a job to me but rather a career and a career that I am passionate about. We have been so lucky to have the support by the students,” explained

Stiles of her role at the GIVE Center.

Stiles is passionate about helping children and likes to work with the Make A Wish Foundation, Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.



# How can you get involved?

Find a service opportunity on campus that you are passionate about

BY AMANDA BODDY  
SENIOR REPORTER

Even students who are familiar with limited time and money can be a part of creating a better community. A huge charitable donation or full-time volunteering isn’t necessary to creating a lasting impact. According to Kendall Stiles, the director of the GIVE center, there are three major ways to help out a nonprofit or contribute to a cause you are passionate about.

### 1.Volunteer

It’s just that simple. Give some of your time to tutor a local middle school student or to take care of animals. Even just an hour a week volunteering is time well spent. Giving your time is not only beneficial to those you are helping, but is personally fulfilling, too.

### 2. Fundraising

We all know that money doesn’t grow on trees, but people are generally willing to drop some change for an important cause. Make some posters encouraging others to donate funds for The Red Cross or collect those coins hidden in your couch or in the bottom of that old purse.

### 3. Advocacy

Raising awareness is an integral part of helping a cause. Write letters to your senators explaining how you feel about child soldiers in Uganda or get the word out about how many lives breast cancer claims each year.

Use the skills and resources you already have to do something to help others. Good with computers? Help an

organization revamp its Web site to attract more viewers. Like photography? Take pictures to support a cause you are passionate about. Use your phone skills to volunteer in customer service for a charity or your flair for numbers to help an organization with their accounting needs.

The GIVE Center is located in Ennis Hall on Hancock Street and is a great resource for finding your serving niche. There are plenty of opportunities to use your time and energy toward something you can connect with. These are all the categories of opportunities students have to get involved:

- Animals
- Children & Youth
- Disabilities
- Disasters
- Education & Literacy
- Elderly
- Environmental & Recycling
- Female Issues
- Fine Arts
- General Service
- Health
- Male Issues
- Minority Issues
- Office & Clerical
- Patriotic & Political
- Poverty
- PR & Event Planning
- Recreation & Outdoors
- Religious
- Technology

Check out <http://www.gcsu.edu/give/programs.htm> for an in-depth look at how you can get specifically involved in these causes.

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The above amount is the sum of money sophomore Erin Gant helped to raise to send to Haiti toward relief efforts. Gant decided to do something to help the Caribbean country after finding out about the earthquake that struck earlier this month and realizing that she couldn’t personally give anything. She and some friends dedicated their time over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend to stand outside of the Wal-Mart in Milledgeville and collect change. Over the weekend alone they raised over \$1,000. They then decided to sit out on campus, as well as travel to the residence halls and apartments asking for donations. Gant deposited the money in the “Milledgeville Loves Haiti” fund at Exchange Bank. Gant is an example that students can have much power and influence to help others out. It can be as simple as asking for spare change to make a large difference. See page 3 to read more about Gant’s contribution as well as other’s efforts in helping Haiti.





## Our Voice

### State-level budget cuts focused on education

As the first month of 2010 comes to a close Georgians have unfortunately been warned that more bad omens may await their wallets. Gov. Sonny Perdue's proposed budgets earlier this month include steep cuts to many spending areas, including education.

The budget proposals now go to the General Assembly, where lawmakers traditionally use them as a beginning point for their own spending plans.

These cuts, if approved, will further the financial burden on Georgia's education system. Following a host of cuts to education over the past year, including to colleges and universities, it's hard to see how it will not be adversely affected.

Perdue said that the cuts had to come from state-wide education funds because, by law, educational spending must be at least half of Georgia's \$18.6 billion budget. The total reduction for 2010 is a whopping \$1.2 billion in state spending and of this, \$147 million is from University System GCSU funding.

Last year, GCSU reacted to budget slashes by following the direction of the University System, which included instituting temporary furlough days. President Dorothy Leland said that this year GCSU will have "to find a different way to cut the budget."

Budget cuts will call for creative and clever planning, both from the university and its students. Since many students have personal attachments to certain benefits and traditions, some could feel these cuts while others may barely notice them at all.

Some students find it hypocritical that despite the University System cuts, GCSU is still able to continue many expensive building projects, such as the renovation of Herty Hall that began in November, the Campus Theatre restoration that began over a year ago and the beginning of the new wellness center on West Campus. However, funding for these projects is separate from general education funding.

When viewing the current financial situation it's clear there is not much of a cushion to fall back, at least until the economy gains some strength back on. The Colonnade recognizes how this strain is already affecting many students' individual finances. We hope that this year will prove to better the current conditions. The lesson we are all learning is how to further each dollar.

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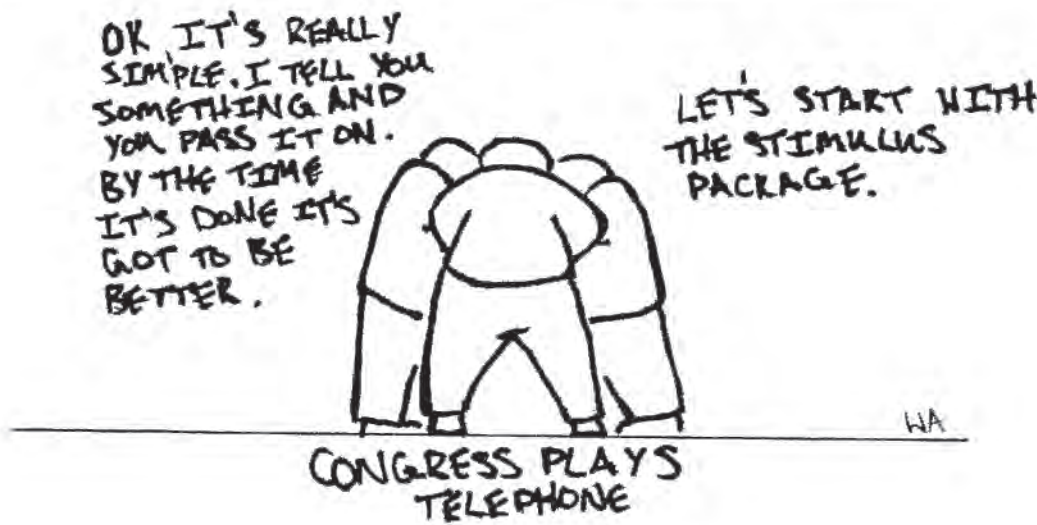
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## SevenAteNine by WesAllen

### NEW STRATEGIES FOR DEBATE



## Pundits are not always all-knowing

When watching the news on TV these days, whether it be from a major network like ABC, or a cable network such as CNN or Fox, most the time these days, you'll hear some talking head giving their take on whatever the political topic is of the day. They make it seems as if their opinion is the Holy Grail of the pundits. While some are open minded to others' opinions, most of the bunch don't want to hear anything except what they have to say.

They are quick to give out their readings and predictions for the future of the electorate citing some partisan poll with skewed numbers and for the most part, they miss the mark of what is really happening within the political atmosphere. But after their predictions are wrong, they want to revise their stance and pretend like they knew this was going to happen all along.

When Senator-elect Scott



IAN BRIDGEFORTH

Brown, R-Mass., recently won a special election for U.S. Senate, every pundit across the political spectrum dove in to give their analysis about what it means for the left, what it means for the right and everything else in between. There were even some talking heads propping up the idea of Brown running for president in 2012. Six months ago, Brown's name could barely even get airtime and most people didn't even know he existed.

It's a similar case with the president. A few years ago, most people had no idea who President Barack Obama was, but once he got elect-

ed pundits like Democratic strategist James Carville is authoring books proclaiming that Democrats will have a solid political standing for 40 more years.

As much as the analysts want what they predict to actually come to fruition, most of the time it doesn't because instead of being realistic about the future, they become spin machines and spew out what they and their party really wants to happen. Sure, political junkies (including myself) eat it up, but I think we have to step back and really look at the situation from an objective perspective. Investigate these issues and politics for yourself instead of listening to the pundits. Understanding it all for your own benefit is the only way to really make a sound decision in regards to politics and public policy. Just try it for a change.

## Satire: Do vegetarians eat Animal Crackers?

Vegetarians are an evil burlap-wearing, picket-signing, paint-throwing cult from hell. For the last six years, I've been working undercover in this ring of sadistic soy lovers, and I barely made it out alive. You ask, "How is vegetarianism a cult? Do they have secret meetings with black candles, polygamy and animal sacrifices?" Of course they don't sacrifice animals. They sacrifice babies.

I was lured in freshman year by a shy, seductive girl. I wooed her with my step-team skills, but she said, "I only date vegetarians." Creepy, I know, but she presented her argument. Vegetarians taste better. It's supposedly a blend of Dippin' Dots and self-deprivation. I couldn't resist her perfume, which was tested on the homeless instead of rabbits, so she dragged me into the dark underbelly of this horrid culture.

At first, the transition was easy. I ate only Doritos to survive, but I never imagined the lifestyle changes I'd have to make. Once I picked her up to embark on a romantic date, but my chivalric plans were ruined by my leather interior. She forced me to rip out the seats, burn them in an altar and pray to PETA



STEVE HOLBERT

for redemption. Along the car ride we hit a problem — a squirrely one.

After an hour of praying over the rodent, which included a lovely eulogy in verse, I vowed to never go that far again. After the date, I began to do things subconsciously. I remember staring at the deer head on my grandma's wall. Those human-like eyes meeting mine. Haunting me. Needing me. I could never bring my green goddess over to this unholy place, so for two weeks I camped out in the carport. Waiting. Wondering. Watching.

I hit rock bottom. I'd check over my shoulder in the Teddy Graham aisle. I'd go home, shut the blinds and eat animal crackers in a fetal position. How do vegetarians eat animal crackers? Viciously. My friend crashed her car into a deer and called me for help. I asked if the deer was OK, drove to the sight, prayed for Bambi and left. I

even skipped my friend's funeral because her father offered my girlfriend chicken at the wake. It was then I realized that sometimes life is about pleasing ourselves instead of others — no matter how fine.

That night, I took my girlfriend out to our spot. I laid the blanket out in the usual fashion, popped the Welch's sparkling grape juice and shared a cheese pizza.

"Is it good?"

"It's fantastic. What's the difference?"

"Pepperoni. It's hidden under the crust. See, meat isn't so bad."

She killed herself that night. I had a taxidermist mount her, so she would always be how I remembered her. Strong. Bitter. Hungry. I keep her in my room as a reminder of the life I left behind and to hold my Mardi Gras beads.

I aspire to help vegetarians escape from their emotional cages and live free from the world of physical torture and psychological damage. I hope to establish a safe house for these misunderstood creatures. I envision a reserve where ex-vegetarians can thrive without fear with others of their own kind.

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BY MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Will non-Greeks have to pay for this ‘nonsense village?’*

Dear Editor,

I’m writing this in regards to Rebeca Burns’ article, “Greek village focus of new study.” I think this idea of planning a Greek village on West Campus should be stopped before it even begins. I am not affiliated with GCSU Greek life so I hope that none of my student fees will go to this village. I know students who do not use the Wellness Depot but have to pay the recreation fee. So, will non-Greek students have to help pay for this

nonsense village?

I fear that with a Greek village being so far from campus (where most GSCU students live) drinking and driving will be on the rise as students will definitely have to drive to access the new village. Lastly, I think an exclusive village will alienate the Greeks from the non-Greeks even more than they are now and that is not what this school is based on.

Sarah Wilder  
MAT graduate student

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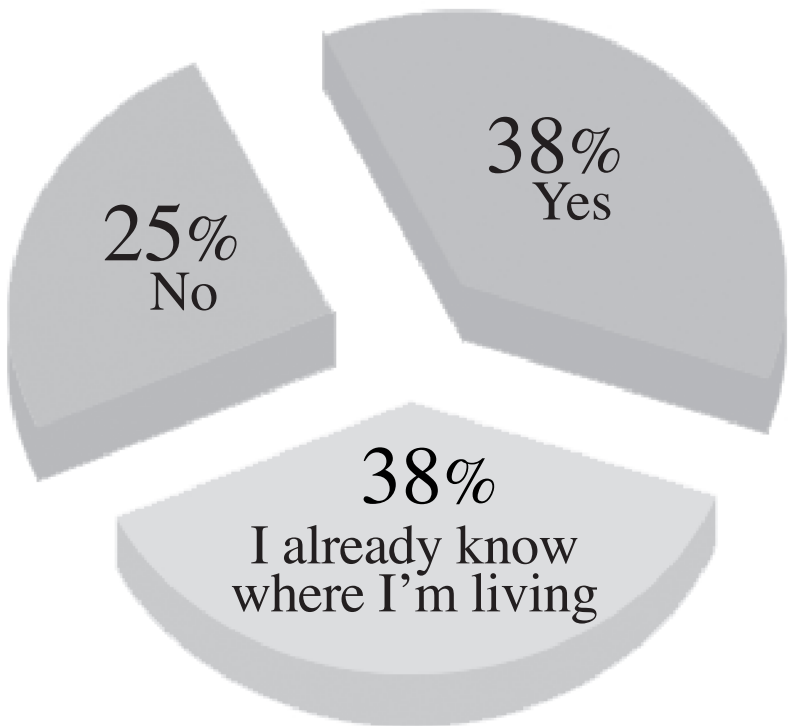
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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE DYKES

Have you started looking for housing for Fall 2010?



Next week’s question:  
Do you support building a Greek village at West campus?

- Yes
- No
- I already know where I’m living

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*“What efforts have you seen around campus being done to help Haiti and have you personally done anything?”*



**“I try to encourage my friends on Facebook to donate thru texting “Haiti” to 90999. You can also buy songs on iTunes (such as the) ‘Hope for Haiti Now’ album. There is so much you can do to make a difference.”**

Lindsay Davis, sophomore, art major

**“This past Saturday The Velvet Elvis had a beach party that I went to and gave a donation. My parents have also donated.”**

Ian Oching, freshman, biology major



**“I have seen the health center ask for donations and, no, I haven’t because I am broke.”**

Emily Davidson, senior, literature major

**“I have seen little signs and flyers around for the Red Cross. I personally have not done anything.”**

Zack Elliot, senior, art studio major



**“I went to Wal-Mart, and there were people from GCSU taking donations. It really touched me. I haven’t been able to donate any money, but I try to stay aware of things that are going on.”**

Xan Nichols, senior, art studio major

Reported by Mandy Ellis

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I hate it when guys tell you that you need to chill and then never ever follow up on it even when they have your number! We expect them to pursue us not the other way around! Rejection only hurts for a few minutes then you get over it! Man up already!

Some days, I feel like total crap. But love really does heal.

I play Neopets, but I’m in college, so I don’t ever tell anyone because I’m afraid of the stigma.

Seriously? First there is the temporary fee increase, then the passage of the \$175 fee for a new wellness center that we don’t need, and now talk of a Greek village. Where is all this money coming from when you’re slashing budgets left and right? And now there is talk about making the core more based on liberal arts. Right, because that is what business, science, pre-engineering, nursing, health services, psychology, criminal justice and etc. majors need... more philosophy that is all based on point of view. Here’s a crazy and radical, liberal arts idea: Why not establish a board that looks at the diversity issues around this campus and more of the fact that there has not been a Campus Climate survey since 2005.

How come no one else seems to have any homework?

Is the most trending topic on Twitter really iTampon?

I miss commercials with jingles. Goldfish were much more enticing with a little tune.

I have bruised ribs from whooping cough.

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## Asian Bistro introduces new flavors

### *Family-owned restaurant adapts to Southern taste buds*



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

From left, brothers John and Austin Tran co-own the Asian Bistro. Their menu consists of Asian cuisine of various origins, but soon they hope to introduce more items.

"THE FOLKS HERE ARE ACCUSTOMED TO SOUTHERN FOOD, SO THE MENU I HAVE NOW IS BASIC ASIAN CUISINE. WE'LL HAVE TO WORK IN THE NEWER, MORE ADVENTUROUS THINGS SLOWLY."

-JOHN TRAN, ASIAN BISTRO OWNER AND CHEF

BY JOANNA SULLIVAN  
STAFF WRITER

In downtown Milledgeville, the new restaurant on the block is Asian Bistro. The heart of the restaurant is its head chef and co-owner, John Tran. He is originally from Stamford, Conn., where he grew up around the restaurant business.

"As a kid I went to Thai and Vietnamese restaurants all the time," Tran said. "Then at 16, I started working in restaurants. I worked at five restaurants for about 14 hours a week for each job."

John proved to be a very dedicated worker and consequently demonstrated commitment toward the culinary arts. He trained at the University of Connecticut-Stamford where he discovered his love of French cuisine, hence the word "bistro" in his restaurant's name.

"My favorite food to eat would definitely be foie gras. Do you know what that is? Goose liver. It is a French delicacy. My favorite food to make is pâté because it tastes so fresh when you make it," Tran said.

As for Tran's love of Asian cuisine, it comes down to a simple formula: the more daring, the better. But he's taking a cautious approach before trying anything too exotic at his new bistro. At least for the time being.

"I came to Milledgeville in June of last year to be with my family. The folks here are accustomed to Southern food, so the menu I have now is basic Asian cuisine," Tran

said. "We'll have to work in the newer more adventurous things slowly."

John works alongside his brother-in-law Austin Tran, who is the main chef at the restaurant.

"We get along very well when we are working together," Austin Tran said. "To be honest we're like family here, we work together very well because we are family and that affects the staff as well."

Although business may not be as busy as they would like, the two are optimistic that the tides will change.

"Right now I'm very grateful we're right here in a college town," John Tran said. "The great thing about college kids is that they are very adventurous, and their minds are more open."

From the students who have discovered Asian Bistro, the general consensus is very positive.

"I got the Pad Thai and an order of the eel sushi rolls last time that I went," senior business major Bud Caton said. "I've been to the restaurant two or three times. They just have great service and the people who work there are nice. Especially John, he is really nice."

The restaurant has also left an impression on Bethan Adams, a freshman nursing major.

"I think more people should go to the Asian Bistro because the food is very well made and it has turned out to be one of my favorite places to eat downtown," Adams said.



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The Asian Bistro is located at 124 W. Hancock St., a central location for many competing restaurants.

## Students sound off about homecoming music choices



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

MuteMath was one of the two bands chosen to play for homecoming this year. The band plays music across different genres and originally became popular through MySpace.

BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN  
STAFF REPORTER

This year's homecoming lineup brings more to the table with Sean Kingston and MuteMath as headliners for GCSU's homecoming concert. Last year's entertainers, Cartel and Shop Boyz, were met with mixed reviews, but this year it seems that students are excited about the music.

Last semester, students voted online for their choice bands to headline GCSU's homecoming. Out of the choices that encompassed an array of genres, MuteMath and Sean Kingston won the draw.

"I think the music accurately represents our generation's version of mainstream," Matt Sanchez said.

Coming together from a curious past, MuteMath formed from the breakup of a failed Christian rock band and the gathering of musicians

with a dream to play music that was not targeted to a specific genre. The band gained popularity from MySpace and tours starting in 2006, but ran into a legal snag with Warner Brothers that almost terminated the band.

"We want to make music with no barriers," Paul Meeny, bassist of MuteMath told US Weekly shortly after the lawsuit. "We don't want to cater to a specific audience or political or religious agendas. We're only a band."

MuteMath's hit, "Typical" premiered on YouTube in March 2007 and had over 100,000 views in less than four days. Students are excited to see what else MuteMath has planned.

"It's nice that it's free," junior Matt Nelson said. "I want to hear more about MuteMath and Sean Kingston, but I don't know that I'd be willing to pay to hear a band I don't know that much about."



# ‘Gibson back in full-throttle form!’

BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

Combining a “Taken” velocity with a “Ransom” web of corruption, “Edge of Darkness” packs a heavy pitch of excitement, and in his first acting role since 2002 (“We Were Soldiers”), Mel Gibson knocks it out of the park. From the trailers, it looks like a typical action saga centered on another angry father who must avenge the death of a loved one, but as he proved in “Casino Royale,” Martin Campbell knows how to dig deep into a skeletal premise, and this is one instance where all of a film’s greatness hides underneath the previews, and leaves viewers feeling pleasantly surprised when they leave the theater.

The film was written by William Monahan, who also wrote “The Departed.” Like that film, this one is also set in an Irish community of Boston where the location in and of itself plays a key role in the story. We’ve all seen plenty of crime thrillers set in upscale territories like New York and Los Angeles, but what is it about Boston? Anytime Hollywood visits the most ominous dimension of the Northeast, there seems to always be a deeper set of roots to the conflict. Look at “Mystic River” and “Gone Baby Gone.” The characters are multi-layered, the details are more visceral, and as the story develops, the moral impact usually stretches way beyond just the few immediate players.

The most immediate character in this case is Thomas Craven (Gibson). He’s a veteran

*“In his first acting role since 2002, Mel Gibson knocks it out of the park.”*

homicide detective who lives for only two causes: his job, and his daughter Emma (Bogana Novakovic). The opening credits provide us with a brief look at her childhood and how close the two of them were as she matured. Then as it settles into the present, we see that as an adult, Emma doesn’t have as much time for her father as they would like.

Her time as a character is cut short even more when she is gunned down in what appears to be an attempt to kill Craven. He’s a cop, so obviously there are plenty of people who would want him dead, but as the details begin to unfold, it becomes apparent that “daddy’s little girl” had something to hide.

From this point forward, the movie literally runs full speed with Gibson leading the charge in one of the most ruthless performances of his career. Any other actor could have easily succumbed to the action formula by just pointing a gun and looking tough, but Gibson has done this kind of thing before, and in balancing all the physical struggles with the personal agony of grief, he finds a solid connection to Craven’s character that convinces us to follow him through every sharp turn.

Another crucial player in Craven’s journey is Jedburgh (Ray Winstone), a shady CIA official who suddenly lands on is front door to offer some assistance. Some of you may recognize Winstone as “Mr. French” from “The Departed,” and in his usual tough-guy form, Winstone gives a persuasive charm to an otherwise sadistic persona that is about as mysterious as the details of Emma’s death. It’s never quite clear as to what Jedburgh’s intentions are or who specifically he works for, but keeping his motives in the dark goes hand-in-hand with Craven’s vengeful dark side as it starts rapidly overpowering his ability to follow the standard detective’s procedure.

While I object to neither angle from which to accentuate the level of entertainment, I have found that there is a fine line between political thrillers and crime mysteries. The former of the two comes with an extended obligation to entice current events into the plot. And even if several great actors are cast in the roles, everything becomes too one-dimensional, and the plot is all that drives the film in the end.

As its plot unfolds, “Edge of Darkness” comes dangerously close to slipping into a political facade, but Campbell has obviously studied the aforementioned trap, and knows exactly how to shift the focus back into a personal narrative. He did the same thing in “Casino Royale” by taking an in-depth look at James Bond, while all the other Bond flicks were centered on a global issue pertaining to the time of



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their release. You could think of it as a routine homicide investigation, or you could think of it as a morality tale of vengeance. Either way, “Edge of Darkness” is a satisfying thriller that will send you home not thinking about

how good Craven is at his job, but how conflicted he is as a person with nothing to lose. And maybe it’s just me, but an afterthought such as this is bound to lead viewers to the ultimate consideration: ... what if it were my daughter?

## Greek organizations inspire by example with grant money

BY COURTNEY MURRAH  
STAFF WRITER

Pi Kappa Alpha’s mission during finals week of last semester went beyond studying. Its final goal was to collect as many teddy bears and trucks as it could for charity. It was not on its own, however, having also had help from peers and the GIVE Center.

Five \$100 Inspire by Example mini-service grants were given out by the GIVE Center last semester, including two given to the Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma fraternities.

“Each of the activities that the fraternities did is associated with their philanthropies,” said Tiffany Cannon, graduate assistant for student involvement at the GIVE Center. “Kappa Sig’s national philanthropy is Fallen Heroes. The PIKEs do not have a national philanthropy, but they have chosen locally to support Toys for Tots.”

The PIKEs counted on the help from fellow students to get enough toys during the last week of school.

“They held a toy collection on campus for a few days right before Christmas and they also had a party downtown,” Cannon said. “They collected toys instead of having to pay to get in.”

From there, the PIKEs made sure the toys went to kids in need of Christmas spirit.

“The thing about Toys for Tots, there’s not a physical entity,” Cannon said. “It was something started by a group of Marines. There’s no place to send the toys. A lot of times toy drives are done under the name of Toys for Tots, and then they’re taken to children’s hospitals, which is what these guys did. They took them to a children’s hospital in Atlanta.”

The Kappa Sigma fraternity did its part to support Fallen Heroes.

Tyler Wright, a Kappa Sig senior marketing major, did his part to help gather supplies and ship them out.

“We set up a table as a part of the ‘big Greek give’ to collect care package items, like toiletries and stuff like that, to send to a church overseas,” Wright said. “With the help of the Georgia College community we were able to put together several care packages. We involved the Oak Hill Middle School and the kids in

the Y.E.S. program helped us assemble the care packages.”

Kappa Sig was able to assemble nine care packages total with the help of the Youth Enrichment Services of Baldwin County.

“It’s about 20 kids,” Cannon said. “Georgia College students actually volunteer over there (at Oak Hill). They go once a week and teach the kids about community service and civic engagement. We call them the ‘Heroes Class’ because they worked on sending cards to veterans. It was a great way for them to implement things they’ve been talking about. The (Kappa Sigs) helped them decorate the boxes and write letters and cards to put in there.”

Wright first heard about the Inspire by Example grants by attending the pace setters meetings. The meetings are held on the first Mondays of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Student Activities Center.

“The pace setters meetings are held once a month,” Cannon said. “They’re sponsored by the GIVE Center. It’s basically a networking and resource meeting for any group on campus that has interest in serving and volunteerism. It provides the students opportunities to volunteer or for them to say, ‘hey, these are some of the things that you can use to make your events better.’”

The GIVE Center does what it can to help students with their volunteering. Their GIVE Team is in charge of the Inspire by Example grants.

Kenneth Morris, a senior psychology major, is a part of the GIVE Team that determines which applicants receive the grant.

“Whenever they put in an application (for an Inspire by Example grant), we also have them come and give a brief presentation about it,” Morris said. “Usually what stands out the most is how it’s going to affect the community and what group they’re trying to appeal to. It’s about the level of impact that we think they’re going to have with the group they’re trying to reach. If we see that we can help them by giving them that grant, then we’re all for it.”

The GIVE Center will be giving out more grants this semester. Students that have a passion for helping others are encouraged to look into the grants.

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# Pets bring enjoyment, challenges to owners

## Students balance school workload, animal responsibilities

BY COURTNEY KELLY  
STAFF WRITER

On warm, sunny days, Front Campus is often full of life — animal life, that is. People can usually spot pets playing, dogs fetching sticks and even a goat on a leash.

Junior marketing and management major Jimmy Hollowed and junior athletic training major Blake Burrell have perhaps one of the most unique pets at GCSU.

“It started out as a joke in our fraternity (Delta Sigma Phi) that we needed a mascot ... and we decided that a goat would be the best pet,” Hollowed said. He and Burrell bought their goat, Pabst, from a farm in Pike County for \$60. Pabst was two months old at the time, and has since “hit puberty,” joked Burrell.

“He’s like ‘Me, Myself & Irene,’ the goat version,” said Hollowed about Pabst’s moodiness.

The two said they would certainly not label Pabst as “man’s best friend,” but they do have fun bringing him to Front Campus and playing with him.

“We play with him by fighting him, head-butt style,” Burrell said.

Most pets provide amusement, but Pabst’s diet brings in extra perks for these pet owners.

“I would say he’s the lawn man,” Burrell joked. “He trims the bushes. He fertilizes the lawn.”

Despite Pabst’s simple diet, a fair amount of maintenance is still necessary.

“We give him corn and fresh water, ... but there’s a lot more cleaning up after him than I expected,” said senior marketing major Kevin Parks, who takes care of Pabst in his fenced-in backyard.

For those students who are considering buying a unique pet, Parks advises them to “do their research. It’s not an impulse buy.”

Other difficulties for Hollowed, Burrell and Parks include not being able to take Pabst home on the weekends, and — for Parks — sometimes being awo-



Sophomore Ali Carpage holds her dog, Ellie, outside of the Grove. “She’s my like my little sidekick. Elle is so playful and feisty,” Carpage said.

ken at dawn to loud “baas” coming from his backyard.

Some people love animals, others find them irritating, but by learning the stories behind pet ownership from fellow students, some can have a better understanding of the adventures (and misadventures) of having a pet while in college.

Before entering college, senior mass communication major Lauren Chandley received her toy poodle, Lola, as an 18th birthday present.

“It was so hard leaving her at home my freshman year of college while I lived in the dorms, but my sophomore year I moved into an apartment (at The Grove) and she was able to live with me,” Chandley said.

Chandley recently got Lola involved with the community by getting her cer-

tified as a pet therapy dog through the GIVE Center. Now she and Chandley can visit people in nursing homes and hospitals.

“It has been such a blessing and neat way for Lola and me to serve the community,” Chandley said.

Other students enjoy pet ownership, but do not have the time to care for a pet. Senior rhetoric major Stacy Trick gave away her pet beagle of almost a year, Bronco, this past Thanksgiving because between school and work, she could not give him enough attention.

“I’d come home for five minutes and then I’d have to leave again, ... and he deserved a lot better than that,” Trick said.


Trick said she enjoyed her time with Bronco, but the maintenance and expense of keeping him was more than she

expected.

“The first week it was great, and then I realized how much work (I had to) put into it. You know, the food, the bathing, the letting out and all that kind of stuff,” she said. “Shots were \$50, then his first bag of food was like, \$20, and then all of his toys. The cost was tough to handle because I had to feed myself too.”

According to the Animal Rescue Foundation, located at 711 S. Wilkinson St., caring for a healthy pet costs between \$300 and \$500 annually. The cats and dogs at ARF cost between \$50 and \$100 to adopt, but simply being able to pay for an animal will not guarantee the acceptance of an application. Applicants must prove they have the time and financial resources to care for a pet, and if the applicant is under 21, they also need parental permission.





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# Knotty and nice

## Students embrace scarves

BY JOANNA SULLIVAN  
STAFF WRITER

There is nothing more effortlessly chic than a lovely scarf or pashmina to keep you warm throughout the months. As cool weather settles in, knowing how to knot a scarf in a few different styles can add an element of interest to an outfit and has the potential to change the look of the day altogether. Here are a few options to try out:

### 1. Simple over the shoulder.

This is fairly self-explanatory. This typically looks best if you are wearing long pants, because the line of the scarf would otherwise be broken if you wore a skirt or a dress. Wearing a scarf in this manner generally works well with a longer wool scarf, thin or wide, but you can make the look your own however you wish. Amber Hoge, a junior, wears the look well in an animal print.

“I got this scarf at a Christmas party (recently),” Hoge said. “I typically wear my scarf like this or I wear it in a loop around my neck.”

### 2. The wrap around.

The second simplest look you can do, but probably the most classic.

Requires just one wrap around your neck and can be tightened up as needed. Mary Lee, a senior, has a tassel scarf that implements the look.

“It depends on the scarf, how it should be worn. If it’s skinny I will pull it through,” Lee said.

### 3. The neck-warmer

This can be achieved by playing around with the scarf, tying it around as many times as possible. When you come to the end of the scarf, tuck it into the rest of the scarf to secure it. The scarf will then look something like this.

“I mainly wear a scarf because it keeps me warm and less for fashion purposes,” senior Bren Thomas said. “Sometimes I’ll tie the scarf around my neck like you would a bandana.”

### 4. The pull-through

This requires a bit longer scarf because you will fold the scarf in half. You will put the scarf around your neck doubled over, and take the two loose ends and pull it through the loop.

“I got this scarf back in Newnan and this is my favorite way to tie it,” sophomore Megan McAlpin said.

### 5. The up-and-over

This is a slight variation of the pull through, but instead of pulling both ends through the loop, you leave one behind and pull through the loop in the opposite direction. This works best with a thicker wool scarf, but the one Savannah Jane Danzey, freshman, is wearing works fine as well.

“I have a lot of scarves and I like to wear them in a lot of different ways,” Danzey said.



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF WRITER  
Junior Amber Hoge wears a bold animal print scarf while walking around campus. Hoge received the scarf as a gift the night before at a party.



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF WRITER  
Senior Mary Lee dons a textured, tasseled scarf after her morning classes. Lee is an art major, so she likes to express her creativity through her apparel.



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF WRITER  
Senior Bren Thomas sports a black scarf in the dining hall before he performs in the Theatre Department’s “Edges.”



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF WRITER  
Sophomore Megan McAlpin wears a vibrant scarf to add a little punch to her look. McAlpin said she owns a lot of scarves and this was her favorite way to tie it.



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF WRITER  
Freshman Savannah Jane Danzey looks urban and modern in neutral tones while reading for class. Danzey said that she likes to wear her scarves in a lot of different ways so she does a good job of mixing it up.

# Spotlight

By: Stephanie Sorensen



## NEW ADDITION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

New political science professor Dr. Jason Rich once appeared on an episode of “Sex and the City,” but his true passion lies in international politics. Following his time as a graduate student at the University of Connecticut, Rich moved to Milledgeville because it reminded him of his previous undergraduate college.

“I went to a small liberal arts college called Lenoir-Rhyne College, and Milledgeville reminded me of that atmosphere,” Rich said. “But once I got here and realized how committed the staff and students were, I knew this was where I wanted to be.”



*“Students at a school like this should be challenged. This school holds the students that will excel in life, not the ones that will just show up.”*

*Dr. Jason Rich, political science professor*

Rich became interested in politics at Lenoir-Rhyne, when his pre-med classes wouldn’t fit with his golfing schedule, and after taking a class on American politics, he decided to change his major.

“I basically changed my major because it interfered with my golfing scholarship, but now I can golf, and I love what I do,” Rich said.

Rich is currently teaching Politics and Society, International Politics and Issues and International Relations Theory, and in Maymester will be teaching Causes of War and Comparative Foreign Policy.

“What I love about GCSU is that the students are engaged in the material,” Rich said. “They actually want to learn and ask probing questions that make me want to do a better job for them.”

## Music

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Kingston first became known for his hit “Beautiful Girls,” which combined a reggae style of music with hip-hop. A native of Kingston, Jamaica, he used music to help him escape a troubled past.

“I think Sean Kingston will put on a good concert,” Corinne Przedpelski said. “Everyone is going to go see how these two different types of music work together.”

The bands will be playing in Centen-

nial Center on Feb. 18, a change from last year’s outdoor venue at The Village, but some students aren’t happy with the switch.

“I think if we have a free concert we should have it on Front Campus,” Josh Davis said. “It can hold everyone that comes and will be a great drawing point for the concerts.”

Though some students are concerned about the acoustic capabilities of the Centennial Center, many are just happy for an excuse for a free concert and potential tailgating possibilities.

“It’s all about having fun,” Nelson said. “As long as the concert’s pretty good and tailgating is in, I’m there.”

## Haiti

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For many Haitians in the disaster, and for many here in the U.S., it was frustrating not being able to help their families, many of whom were dealing with life or death circumstances. Some blame the Haitian government for having a weak infrastructure unprepared for such a calamity.

“I became angry, not so much that the earthquake happened, because natural disasters happen, but I was angry that there were still no fire trucks, water or organized relief,” SaintDic said. “The Haitian government has really had no infrastructure built. ... (My Haitian friends) and I did not realize the magnitude of not having a functioning government until this.”

SaintDic was able to contact her mother, who lives in the southern countryside, the next day. She told her that people in her village felt the tremors, yet there were no major damages or people hurt. On the other hand, SaintDic did not hear from her brother who was living in the epicenter of the earthquake itself, Port-au-Prince.

“I assumed the worst,” SaintDic said.

Not until a few days later did SaintDic receive a 10-second phone call from her brother, who explained that he had been buried in the rubble of his house. Her brother said he was “scratched, starving and thirsty, but OK,” and then the phone cut off.

SaintDic is relieved that her immediate family is safe and well, although many of her cousins are still missing. The devastation of the initial earthquake has been followed by at least 12 aftershocks greater than magnitude 5.0. Despite everything though, she is optimistic about the future.

“I try to see this earthquake as a blessing in disguise,” SaintDic said. “I have moved from being angry to acceptance. I do think Haiti now has the chance to rebuild, and to rebuild the right way. The infrastructure wasn’t there and the buildings weren’t up to par, so I think this will give them the chance to do it right.”

The latest estimate of the death toll related to the quake is 150,000, according to the Haitian Health Ministry. The European Union and the Pan American Health Organization, which is coordinating the health-sector response, have estimated the quake killed 200,000 people.

In the aftermath of the tragedy there has been an outpouring of aid from the international community. According to CNN, \$1.12 billion in international aid pledges have been made, with \$783 million in funds having already been received as of Tuesday, including \$317 million in U.S. assistance as of Monday.

“It is going to take a while for recovery,” SaintDic said. “The major activist work will be around rebuilding civil society. All recovery methods will have to be focused on long-term improvement. ... But I have great hopes. I have been amazed by the amount of support going in. I am really overwhelmed and grateful.”

Check out the next fashion column on Feb. 5 at GCSUnade.com!



## Eight straight for red-hot Bobcats

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men's basketball team pushed its winning streak to eight games this past Monday night when it defeated Flagler College on the road 80-69.

The Bobcats came into the game with an aggressive mindset and secured an early lead over the Saints. Even though both teams were playing well, GCSU managed to maintain a slight lead.

As the first half progressed, the Bobcats' lead became larger. With less than two minutes remaining in the first half, GCSU secured its first 10-point-lead over the when a layup from senior guard Jake Rios set the score

at 31-21.

The Bobcats did not let up, and the first half ended with GCSU leading 36-25.

When the second half began, the Bobcats continued to outpace the Saints. GCSU began to increase its advantage. With 8:17 remaining in the game, a 3-pointer from senior point guard Ty Rowland secured a 19-point cushion for the Bobcats at 61-42.

From there, GCSU remained in control over the Saints for the remainder of the game and the Bobcats defeated Flagler with the final score of 80-69.

GCSU's shooting percentage for the game was 50 percent on field goals, 38.5 percent on

3-point field goals and 77 percent on free throws, including a 23-of-26 second-half effort from the charity stripe.

The leading scorer for the Bobcats was Rowland with 18 points on 5-of-8 shooting, including 2-of-5 on 3-pointers and 4-of-4 on free throws.

"We can always get a little bit better but I think we definitely played about as good as we can play right now," Rowland said. "No matter what, even if we're having an off shooting night, if we still bring the energy and everybody's playing 100 percent on defense, then we should still win."



FILE PHOTO

Senior guard Jake Rios pulls up for two against Georgia Southwestern Jan. 13.

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## Sassy Cats step up to top 10 at nationals

BY REBECCA BURNS  
STAFF WRITER

Outfitted in skeleton bones and colorful mohawks, GCSU's Sassy Cats dance team stepped its way to ninth place in the Open Hip Hop Division of the UDA National Championships, its best-ever finish. The result was particularly impressive as it was the highest a Division II team had ever placed against the larger Division I schools.

"Our goal this year was to make top ten," Charlotte Ballard, a senior accounting major and Sassy Cats captain, said. "And after we finished performing the first time, I think all of us were curious to see what would happen because we were each picking out what we had done wrong. And then to hear we made the finals, you just flip out at that point."

The 12-member squad performed a full-dress rehearsal at the GCSU basketball games Jan. 13 before traveling that weekend to the Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida. The Sassy Cats competed in a chaotic atmosphere of loud music, ridiculous costumes and explosive performances. The team was first filled with anticipation, then soaked with perspiration and worn out to the point of exhaustion, but they were not without support.

"My dad brought a coyote call and blew it after we danced and then when we weren't dancing, (and again) when we were eating and throughout the day," said Jessie Lapointe, a freshman pre-special education major and team member.

The team has certainly evolved rapidly over the past few years, moving away from jazz routines to strictly hip-hop, changing from a student-run organization to an true athletic one, and gaining more recognition among GCSU students and the local community.

The Sassy Cats have experienced huge leaps in the last three years of competing in the UDA National Championships, improving from 24th to 14th to ninth. Ballard said the transformation and the success it has brought brings greater expectations for the future. Her team expects nothing less than consistent improvement.

"We learn from our past years," said Adriana Acuna, a sophomore pre-athletic training major and team member. "We've taken in what the judges have to say. We know what we have to do next for the upcoming years to make it better than we were before."



REBECCA BURNS / STAFF WRITER

Foreground from left, junior Amanda Miles, senior captain Charlotte Ballard and junior Kayla Jones take the lead for the Sassy Cats dance team during a practice this past week. The squad had its best-ever finish (ninth) at the UDA national championships earlier this month.

## Women's hoops pushes streak to six, leads PBC west division at 6-1

BY CHANDLER LEE  
STAFF REPORTER

The trip started this past Friday and ended up back in Milledgeville on Tuesday at 3:30 a.m.

The path traveled: 540 miles to Montevallo, Ala., and back from Friday to early Sunday morning. Then, 650 miles to St. Augustine, Fla., and back from Sunday night to early Tuesday morning.

Now, the GCSU women's basketball team has settled back at home, gaining two important road conference victories over Montevallo and Flagler over the past week. The Bobcats have padded their record to 13-4 over-



FILE PHOTO

Senior forward Antoinette Reames goes up for two against Georgia Southwestern Jan. 13.

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## GCSU fishing team hooks national ranking, respect

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU fishing team is making huge strides after only two years of competition. Recently selected No. 6 nationally by FLW Outdoors magazine, the club team is starting its third season as a Top 10 squad.

The publication used a nationwide survey of anglers to place GCSU only behind much-larger Division I schools N.C. State, Auburn, UNC Charlotte, Virginia Tech and Wisconsin. The four categories considered in the ranking system were "access to water," "club organization," "tournament opportunities" and "tradition/philanthropy." GCSU received A's in "access to water" and "tournament opportunities," the two categories junior team member Josh Futch mentioned as strengths of the squad.

"We fish (Lakes) Sinclair, Jackson, and Oconee for our club competitions," Futch said. "It's great

having those three lakes so close."

The team was formed in 2008 with a "core group of eight to 10 guys" according to Futch, and has expanded to include about 30 members.

"We're fortunate to have eight or nine guys that have their own boats. We have a club tournament every month," Futch said. "We'll find volunteer boaters, we go out of our way to get everyone who wants to fish a chance to fish."

Obviously, the team cannot submit scores for 30 members, so it has worked out a system.

"Let's say we can only send four boats out, well, we keep a points standing for our club tournaments," Futch said, "and the top eight guys get first choice to go the next time, we just go down the list and ask who wants to go."

In College FLW tournaments, each angler can keep no more than

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BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

So you want to be No. 1 in college basketball? Maybe if you're cutting down the nets in the championship game, and we're talking about the final season polls. But right now, being voted No. 1 in the polls is the equivalent of being tossed into a shark tank with a fresh cut on your leg. Three weeks, three number ones, four total losses by those teams. Most recently, unbeaten and seemingly unstoppable Kentucky traveled to South Carolina for what could have shaped up to another ho-hum UK victory. However, the SEC's leading scorer, 5-foot-9 Gamecock point guard Devan Downey had other plans. He put USC on his back, hitting shots over and around every defender the Wildcats threw at him, and the Gamecocks knocked off No. 1, 68-62.

In the previous week, Texas had taken over the top spot from Kansas, after the Jayhawks fell to Tennessee the week before. Texas had looked good, sometimes great, but the burden of No. 1 was too much for the Longhorns to bear as they dropped not one, but two games in less than a week's time. The first came at the hands of Kansas State, a surprising team who had been shooting up the rankings since the season opened, 71-62. The Longhorns could not recover, falling in another road game just five days later at always-tough Connecticut, 88-74.

And this brings me to my point. College basketball is a wonderous, beautiful sport in which the eventual champion can lose more than 10 games in a season, but through ups and downs, huge upset wins and crushing losses, a champion is molded.

And that heart of a champion comes out in March, where the real fun begins. No BCS computer-based system interferes with the glory of a 65-team all-or-nothing tournament, and a few losses can make a team better when it counts, because to taste ultimate victory, college basketball teams must first taste bitter defeat.

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### Upcoming Sports

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Jan. 31	3:30 p.m.	UNC Pembroke

#### Basketball (W):

Jan. 29	5:30 p.m.	Francis Marion
Jan. 31	1:30 p.m.	UNC Pembroke

### Quote of the Week

"The game of golf needs him to come back. I mean, it's important for him to come back and be a part of the sport. But right now he's got a lot more important things going on in his life."

— Phil Mickelson, regarding his longtime rival and friend Tiger Woods (ESPN.com).

### Stat of the Week

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Years since a Bobcat men's basketball team has started 8-0 in PBC play. The team will try to do just that tonight.



# Intramural Notebook

by Caleb Rule, Staff Reporter

## Dodgeball

Any sport that claims a guy with the name “Patches O’Houlihan” as its founder (fictional or otherwise) must have some redeeming qualities.

Enter dodgeball, a blast from the bruising past of high school gym class.

“We’re trying to increase the number of unique sports we offer so we cater to more of the student body,” program assistant Stephanie Jergel said. “We want to have more than just the traditional sports of basketball and flag football.”

League play began this week. Dodgeball games will be played Monday and Tuesday nights, with Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays reserved for basketball.

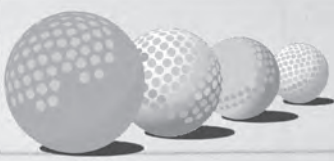
The format is simple: Win as many games as you can in a 25-minute span. This should pave the way for a frantic rate of play with few lulls as teams try to pad their win columns as the energy level remains high.

Though some players wanted rubber balls that are often used for playground kickball, players will see the well-known softer foam balls that can still pack a punch.

“Obviously, there’s a safety issue involved (with dodgeball), and we don’t want to put players at unnecessary risk,” Jergel said.

The number of teams allowed to register had to be capped for this season, as the demand for dodgeball and basketball combined was too much for the available resources at Centennial Center, where all games will be played.

Still, the 100-plus teams that will take to the court are excited to do so.



“On an excitement scale of one to 10, I’m about a 13-and-a-half,” junior Beau Washburn said.

“It’s something I’ve never been able to do before at the college level, so I’m probably going to head in there and try to throw my arm out.” (note: Washburn in fact threw his arm out on opening night).

The results of signups speak for themselves, and GCSU students can look forward to dodgeball as an intramural option for years to come.

“Dodgeball was something that everybody seemed excited about,” intramural supervisor Joey Nipper said, “and the current turnout reflects that.”

## The Professional League

- The sixth annual Dodgeball World Championships were hosted in Las Vegas last August. In addition to the regular competition, there is a game “last man standing”...literally, every participant engages in one massive free-for-all to see who has the luck and skill to claim the title.
- The National Dodgeball League is the only professional dodgeball league in existence. It was founded in 2004.
- Some team names from the competition: Kamikaze Backflips, Dodgeball Ninja Commandos, All Estrogen, Police Force Denmark, The Harbingers, and the Sons of Thunder.

Layout by Rebecca Burns

## Fishing

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five fish, and a limit of three per angler are weighed to obtain a combined score for the best five fish. The minimum length for a fish is 12 inches.

The team is scheduled to compete in several major tournaments this semester, including three College FLW events, and more than 20 total tournaments when considering club competition. Besides the one tournament held at Lake Sinclair in March, the team will travel no less than 390 miles round trip for any tournament. Luckily for the anglers, this semester is the first in which the team will receive

funding for travel and other expenses. “We’re ordering new jerseys that look more official, exclusively GCSU instead of having sponsor logos on them,” Futch said.

The team has also created a clever way of advertising its existence: placing large “GCSU Fishing Team” decals on their vehicles.

The hope that Futch has for his team is to continue to build on its success and sudden appearance in the national spotlight.

“(The core group) had a meeting just last week to talk to the younger guys,” Futch said, “and just told them we wanted to be sure that the tradition that we’ve started will continue when we leave.”

## Men’s hoops

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Rios and senior guard Graham Martin seconded that effort, each putting up 13 points for the Bobcats.

Prior to the win over Flagler, the Bobcats hit the road to face Montevallo and came away with their seventh straight win in the contest, 61-52.

When the first half began, the Bobcats were the first to take the lead. However, Montevallo pulled ahead and began to control the game. Once the Falcons took the lead, the Bobcats were unable to gain back control in the first half.

With 3:50 remaining in the first half, Martin was fouled and made both free throws, which tied the game at 23-23. Even so, Montevallo gained the lead again shortly after and the Bobcats trailed the Falcons for the remainder of the first half and headed into the locker room trailing 34-27.

When the second half started, the Bobcats began chipping away at the seven-point lead. Playing aggressively on both offense and defense, they eventually tied the game at 39 on a layup by junior forward Josh Hurst with 10:41 remaining.

From there, the Falcons managed to pull ahead once again and even though the Bobcats tied the game several times, they were unable to pull ahead.

With GCSU trailing Montevallo with 5:41 remaining, a jumper made by Martin set the score at 47-46 and the Bobcats took the lead for the first time in the second half.

Once GCSU took control of the game, it kept the lead over the Falcons for the remainder of the game and held on for a nine-point win.

The leading scorer for the Bobcats was Martin, who tacked 25 points onto the scoreboard, he was 7-of-15 on field goals, including 2-of-7 on 3-pointers and was 9-of-10 on free throws.



FILE PHOTO

Junior forward Josh Hurst rises up for a jumper against Georgia Southwestern Jan. 13. Hurst had a 10-point, 11-rebound double-double against Flagler in this past Monday’s win.

## Women’s hoops

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all and 6-1 in the Peach Belt Conference’s west division, good for first place.

Most recently, GCSU defeated Flagler on Monday 65-47. The Bobcats were efficient offensively in the game, with three players recording double figures in scoring. Junior guard Chimere Jordan paced GCSU with 16 points, while senior forward Antoinette Reames and senior guard Candice Clark chipped in with 13 each.

Combining good shooting with a stifling defensive effort, the Bobcats forced Flagler into committing 20 miscues, turning those into 20 points. GCSU also scored more than half of their points in the paint, 34 coming from the interior.

GCSU also focused on the perimeter shooting of the Saints, forcing Flagler to just 1-of-11 shooting from behind the arc or 9.1 percent.

The first test of the past week came Saturday, when Georgia College upended Montevallo 63-59.

A back-and-forth defensive battle finally gave way to the Bobcats, who shot 41.7 percent from the field, while hitting 40 percent from behind the arc in the second half.

“The girls brought energy again, and when we do that we are a tough team to beat,” head coach John Carrick said.

The Bobcats’ defensive post play keyed the close win. Reames forced multiple Falcon forwards into foul trouble, forcing Montevallo to go to its bench. Reames then took advantage of her 6-foot, 2-inch prowess in the paint, draining 14 points, eight of which came in the second half.

Montevallo led 58-56 with 3:27 remaining, but the Bobcats went on a 9-1 run to take the lead and never relinquished it.

Down that final stretch, Jordan steered the offensive fluidity. She ended the day with 24 points, 14 coming in the second stanza. Jordan was 4-of-8 from downtown, hitting multiple clutch shots during the Bobcats’ final run, which consisted of isolation plays between Jordan and her defender.

“Chimere knows what to do, whether it’s shooting, passing, blocking shots, or getting a steal,” Carrick said. “In the last couple of minutes she always wants the ball and her teammates also know she wants the ball.”

Jordan, who averaged 17 points per game in the four-straight road wins, said



FILE PHOTO

Senior point guard Shandrea Moore runs the Bobcat offense against Georgia Southwestern Jan. 13.

she thrives on getting the ball during crunch time.

“Coach has faith in me, and I have faith in him,” Jordan said. “I’ve known him for a while and he trusts me to play up to my potential.”

Jordan, though, is jubilant about the team’s play on the strenuous road run.

“I think we responded well on the road,” Jordan said. “Sometimes it’s hard to bring energy after long bus rides and being away from home, but we did just that.”

The Bobcats took great care of the basketball, committing just 10 turnovers on the day. GCSU turned the 12 turnovers committed by the Falcons into 13 points, as well. Junior guard Dominique Huffin contributed with 12 points.

The Bobcats are now on a six-game winning streak, their longest of the season. Georgia College will host four different opponents, all coming on the home pitch in a two-week span.

“We must bring mental and physical focus to these games coming up,” Carrick said. “We have to know what to run and how to handle pressure the teams will put on us.”

During the win streak, the Bobcats are holding opponents to 51.5 points per game, while putting up 63 of their own, an average winning margin of 11.5 points.

GCSU returns to action Friday to face off against nationally-ranked Francis Marion with the tip set for 5:30 p.m. at the Centennial Center. The Bobcats will then hit the hardwood again Sunday, hosting UNC Pembroke at 1:30 p.m.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### DOWN AND OUT

According to a Public Safety report, this past Friday at approximately 1:05 a.m. Sgt. Jeff Miller was dispatched to Parkhurst Hall in reference to a student who was unconscious. Contact was made with the female, who was very drunk and passing in and out of consciousness. EMS responded and transported her to Oconee Regional Medical Center. A follow up by Miller found that her blood alcohol count was .334. The case has been turned over to Student Judicial.

### WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME

According to a Public Safety report, this past Monday at approximately 5:02 p.m. students reported an intoxicated male was in front of the Public Safety office uttering incoherently. Officer Jamaal Hicks made contact with the male, who had the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from him. He was extremely incoherent and became increasingly verbally combative. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with public intoxication.

### NOT SO SAFE

According to a Public Safety report, this past Tuesday at approximately 3:28 p.m. a male reported that a safe located in his office at Ennis Hall had been burglarized. The owner said the safe was last used Jan. 20 and that there was between \$360 and \$660 in the safe prior to the burglary. All the empty envelopes and cash bags were collected for evidence. The case has been turned over to investigators.

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### PARTY FOUL

According to a Public Safety report, on this past Monday at approximately 3:47 p.m. a male reported that his lap-top had been stolen from his College Station apartment. He said he had a party Jan. 24th and several people that he did not know attended as guests of his friends. When he and his roommates were cleaning the apartment, they noticed the laptop and charger missing. The case has been turned over to investigators.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, Jan. 29 - Thursday, Feb. 4

### Friday, January 29

5:30 p.m.	Bobcats Women's Basketball vs. Francis Marion - Centennial Center
7:30 p.m.	Bobcats Men's Basketball vs. Francis Marion - Centennial Center
8 p.m.	Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble Main Stage Concert - Russell Auditorium

### Sunday, January 31

1:30 p.m.	Bobcats Women's Basketball vs. UNC Pembroke - Centennial Center
3:30 p.m.	Bobcats Men's Basketball vs. UNC Pembroke - Centennial Center

### Monday, February 1

11:30 a.m.	Nursing and Health Sciences Fair - Magnolia Ballroom
12:30 p.m.	Freedom From Smoking - 213 Health Sciences Building

### Wednesday, February 3

12:30 p.m.	Times Talk - Beeson Hall, lower level
5:30 p.m.	Bobcat Women's Basketball vs. North Georgia - Centennial Center
7:30 p.m.	Bobcat Men's Basketball vs. North Georgia - Centennial Center

### Thursday, February 4

3 p.m.	Career Talk on WGUR Radio 88.9 FM
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